

14 21. (Twice Amended) A head massaging device consisting essentially of a plurality of resilient and pliable fingers, said fingers each having a free end and an opposite end, said opposite ends being connected together, said fingers defining a self-supporting head-receiving space for receiving a head, said space extending between said free ends and said opposite ends and having a self-maintained opening at one end formed by a juxtaposition of said free ends of said fingers, said opening being of a circumference smaller than a circumference of said head, whereby said head can fit inside said space with said free ends in contact with said head, and at least a portion of said head-receiving space having a circumference which is greater than said circumference of said opening whereby, in use, when said device is lowered on to said head so that said head enters said head-receiving space through said opening, said free ends of said fingers apply pressure to and thus massage said head.

REMARKS

The above changes are made to the insertions to claims 1 and 21 in the Examiner's Amendment in order to make the language consistent with the customary U.S. Patent practice expression "consisting essentially of".

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended Three Times) A head massaging device consisting essentially of a plurality of resilient fingers defining a head receiving space for receiving a head, said fingers each having a free end, said head receiving space having an opening at one end formed by a juxtaposition of said free ends of said fingers, at least a portion of said head receiving space having a circumference which is greater than a circumference of said opening, said circumference of said opening being smaller than said head whereby, in use, when said device is lowered onto said head so that said head enters said head receiving space through said opening, said free ends of said fingers apply pressure to and thus massage said head.

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